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Infant Mortality Rate (IMR)

SI. No.	States	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001*
1	Madhya Pr.	117	104	106	98	99	97	94	98	90	87	86
2	UttarPr.	97	98	94	88	86	85	85	84	84	83	82
3	Jharkhand	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	68	62	71	70	62
4	Orissa	124	115	110	103	103	95	96	98	97	95	90
5	Tamil Nadu	57	58	56	59	54	53	53	53	52	51	49
6	Gujarat	69	67	58	64	62	61	62	64	63	62	60
	ALL INDIA	80	79	74	74	74	72	71	72	70	68	66

Source: Sample Registration System
NA Not Available
*Provisional

Slight problems among children

782. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH. AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that half of Delhi's School kids are unaware of sight problems;

(b) whether it is a fact that 25 per cent of the world's visually challenged people are in India; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to change this scenario?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) As per WHO, 15 per cent of the world's blind are in India. In order to reduce the prevalence of blindness in the country, the following steps are being taken:

(i) Free Cataract Surgery in Government/Non-Government Institutions and Camps;

(ii) Detection and Correction of Refractive Errors in School going children;

(iii) Support to Eye Banks/Eye Donation Centres to promote Eye Donation;

(iv) Grant in aid to NGO's, State Blindness Control Societies and District Blindness Control Societies;

(v) Infrastructure development in Government and Non-Government Sector: Support for Construction, Equipments and Consumables;

(vi) Training of Eye Care personnel; and

(vii) Public awareness for Prevention and Control of diseases.

Utilization of funds for RCH

783. SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the funds allocated for Reproductive and Child Health (RCH) remain underutilized, thereby jeopardizing the maternal and child health among the disadvantaged sections;

(b) the utilization of RCH funds during the last three years, year-wise and the current financial year till June, 2003 and their percentages to the allocation; and

(c) whether any separate fund has been allocated for the under served groups identified by the National Population Policy, 2003?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) The year-wise details of funds allocated for RCH Programme and the expenditure incurred during the last three years are as under:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Funds allocated to States	Funds utilized	%age
2000-01	913.44	820.73	89.85
2001-02	945.68	944.91	99.91
2002-03	974.43	912.70	93.66
2003-04	1629.33	158.08*	09.70

*Upto June, 2003.